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U. S. LOSING GOLD

For the first time in many years economic experts in the United States are showing concern about a new and surprising trend involving the flow of gold and the United States. A heavy outflow of gold from this country has developed in recent weeks and months, and the situation is, if not alarming, now demanding the attention of government officials.

In the two weeks ending early in May, the United States lost $179,000,000 in gold, or more than it had lost in the entire first quarter of 1958. It will be recalled that in 1958, this country suffered the biggest loss of gold ever experienced — $2,300,000,000.

In other words, the United States is now running a trade deficit with other countries of the world. This is a unique trend for the United States, which for so many years has acquired the gold of other countries, by selling more goods to foreign countries than citizens in the United States bought from them.

The U. S. gold stock, much of it at Fort Knox, Kentucky, is something over $20,000,000,000. Thus deficits of several billion dollars a year can be handled without strain, although this trend could not continue for many years without causing serious concern.

Meanwhile, the latest estimates for 1959 have been changed. Whereas it was earlier predicted that the United States would restore the balance, so to speak, and gain back much of the gold outflow experienced in 1958, it is now believed by many that this will be another year of heavy losses in U. S. gold reserves.

The basic concern, of course, is that of the sluggishness of U. S. exports. Changes that inflation in the United States in recent years has priced our products out of the market, and beyond the reach of others, are increasing.

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ARMED SERVICES' DAY

Armed Services' Day falls on the 16th of May this year, and a word about the observance of this day is in order. Interestingly, it comes just two weeks before Memorial Day, when we remember those who gave their lives in the armed services in former wars.

The armed services today receive about one dollar out of every two paid to the federal government by the citizens of the United States in the form of taxation. The expenditures for our armed services totals more than $40,000,000,000 and this does not include military aid we furnish some of our allies. Thus the armed services, how they operate and what they accomplish in the way of security and their efficiency, constitutes the business and concern of every American.

Our Armed Services' Day has replaced various days for the separate services, in sense, and to some degree, and under our "theoretical" unification, Armed Services' Day is supposed to suffice for Army Day, Navy Day, etc.—of old.

We should always remember, even though military spending is tremendous, and the cost high, that there are many dedicated, patriotic and self-sacrificing individuals in the armed services. While is is a good life for many, affording security and peace of mind to a considerable degree, one does not get rich in the armed services, and those who make it a career obviously place several values higher than the value of money.

Moreover, it is important that we have this type of American in the armed services. The very survival of our country may depend upon it again, quite soon, and has depended upon it on the past on many occasions. In some circles it is considered sophisticated, or smart, to depreciate service in the armed services. On the contrary, it is a calling of the highest form. Those who are heroes in time of war, are also of true service in times of peace.

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FOREIGN MINITERS MEETING

The Foreign Ministers meeting in Europe this week has been a test for the democracies. The ministers for the Western democracies have remained united, and must see to it that a solid foundation of solidarity is established and maintained.

It is our opinion that there is a very limited need for a "Summit meeting. There is no real reason for President Eisenhower to attend meeting and lower his dingnty by submitting to the lashings of the Soviet di tator, over a hashed up Berlin crisis. One cannot help from suspecting that the whole idea of a "summit" meeting was concocted by the Russian dictator as a publicity and pro paganda effort. Kruschev would love to visit the United States and made the "grand tour" from New York to Washington to Chicago and San Francisco, etc. and have the Russian newspapers play it up a s the Red chieftan was shown being acclaimed in America. We say the whole thing is a trumped up job, and it would appear to us that our great country should always stand ready and available to discuss any true problem with anyone at anytime, but that we should have enough dignity to refrain from engaging in a "show" for selfish purposes of the Communists. We must not come to a defensive position. We must insist that the Russians give freedom to Hungary, Poland and East Germany. We must demand that the Reds stay out of Iraq and Iran. How long, oh, how long, can the United States give and give, and pour out billions each year, yet only end up by looking down a ---' hole! And, to top it off, any "Summit" commitment made by President Eisenhower" must bear in mind the stern fact that he is a "lame duck" President, with his party without a majority, and with no recognition of the fact that a Democrat should be near the top in the State Department., in training to take over. Be it recorded for history that the long Democratic Administrations, prior to victory of the Republicans in 1952, took care of this. Mr. John Foster Dulles was brought into line and trained for the leadership, not by Republicans, but by Democrats. They felt that the welfare of the nation demanded that politics be limited in foreign policy. And so it was, that Senator Arthur Vandenberg, a great Republican Senator, and Mr. Dulles, and countless other Republican statesmen were recognized and brought into the "All American" team for the good of the nation. But Mr. Eisenhower has consistently ignored the Democratic statesmen, has brought along no one in foreign affairs to be ready for the obvious victory of the Democrats in the next Presidential election. He will have to face the historian in the long scope of the chronicles, as a President who neglected to do so many things considered essential. History will not record his golf scores. It will be more concerned with the broad sweep of national security.

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It's just as well not to call for help until you need it.

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Then there are some men who are actuated by two motives only; the drive to get money, and the fight to keep it.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: I Kings 5; 7:51—8:66; 9:1—11:13.
Devotional Reading: I Kings 8:54-61.

Power Is Peril

Lesson for May 17, 1959

SOME PEOPLE have everything. Not all people begin with everything; but King Solomon did. Talk of being born with a gold spoon in the mouth! Little Solomon would have choked with all the sets of gold spoons that belonged to him. He was the king who had everything done for him, everything all arranged. He did not have to carve out a kingdom; his father David had done that. He did not have to develop an army; his father had done that too. He did not have to try to be rich; he was born wealthy. He was the favorite son of his father's favorite wife; the strongest forces in harem politics (always a power in barbaric countries) were on his side.

Dr. Foreman

Strength Has Its Dangers

Solomon had better than a scheming mother on his side; God was with him. The beautiful story of Solomon's dream, in I Kings 3, shows the young king at his best. Yet the story of his reign, in spite of all its magnificent display, in spite of all the peace and prosperity, is in the long run a story of decay and degeneration. He was like a great rocket, leaving its launching pad in a blaze of light, yet going off-course and bringing down in its crash many a hope and expectation of success.

Why was this? The story of Solomon tells us something about power and its perils. Most people think of power as a sort of insurance, and so we seize ever chance to increase our power. Few powerful men are content with the power they have. They are always grasping for more.

The Power of Bad Influence

One danger is that if a man specially powerful, everything does will be molded by lesser men. (Lesser men may be just as power hungry as greater men, only not so successful.) As is well known, Solomon built not only the famous Temple of Jehovah; he built shrines for other gods, also in and around the city of Jerusalem. It is a fact that all that the prophets of the true God could do or say, for hundreds of years, did not succeed in winning the masses of people to the Lord. Worship of Idols went on, generation after generation. And why not, with Solomons' temples to other gods still standing? Why not? they would say—if it was all right for Solomon it is good enough for us. If Solomon had been as loyal to God as God's generous goodness to him deserved, the whole and history of Israel might have been different. But because Solomon was no obscure working man but a powerful monarch, his very sins would be imitated—and indeed they were.

Peril to Personality

There is a more intimate danger in great power, and that is to the inner self, the soul, of the one who has it. We must not think this is true only of prominent people like judges and presidents and generals. It is true of kings and cowhands, true of parents, whose power over their children is greater than they realize, true of employers, managers, everyone who has the right to give someone else orders. The danger is that the strong man comes to think that whatever he can do is right.

Shall We Skirk Power?

Solomon became a tyrant, as even his son admitted. If we had room, we could name still other perils of power, but the reader is invited to make his own list. Let us just ask a question. Since the possession of power is a danger not only to the soul of the powerful, but also to those over whom he stands, ought not a conscientious person to refuse to accept power, small or great? Not by any means. The dangers are always there; but they are made less for the person who is aware of them. And power there must be. You cannot run a fish market or a church or a nation if nobody takes orders from anybody. Order and authority there must be; and without power this is impossible. Bishops and presidents and managers and bosses are necessities; nevertheless they will (if they are Christian) hold office in true humility, not in pride.

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Washington Notes

Assistance Offered

The United States and nineteen other American republics have promised to help Panama put down a Cuban-fazed rebellion against the Government of President Ernesto de la Guadia.

Vinson Asks Curb

Representative Carl Vinson, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has served warning that the House is in for a battle if it attempts to water down the defense contract negotiations law. He called for a permanent extension of the laws to hold down profits on defense contracts.

Cool To Nepotism Bills

A House committee has given a cool reception to anti-nepotism proposals that would put the spotlight on legislators who carried relatives on their Congressional payrolls.

Several members of the Administration Committee said the proposals were unnecessary and would be ineffective if enacted.

Wants New Labor Bill

Republican leaders, from the White House down, have dispelled any doubt about the rocky future of the Kennedy labor reform bill.

President Eisenhower has told Republican Congressional leaders he wants a better bill than the one approved by the Senate recently, 90 to 1. The party leaders agreed.

Loan Plan Opposed

The Administration has opposed a Democratic plan to provide a billion dollars on low-interest federal loans to help cities, towns and villages to build community facilities.

John C. Hazeltine, Commissioner of Community Facilites, told a House Banking subcommittee, the plan would decrease Federal spending above levels budgeted by the President.

Really "Open" Convention

Senator Humphrey has predicted that at least four convention ballots will be needed to name the Democratic presidential candidate next year.

"It will be a really open convention, the way it looks now," Humphrey said.

The 1960 convention opens July 11 in Los Angeles.

LIFE BEGINS AT 50

Chicago.- Life will begin at 50 for men who are hired as salesmen by S. Max Becker, Jr.

Becker said that he will give preference to men 50 or older who apply for places on his sales force. Older salesmen, he said, bring calm maturity and inspires confidence.

MERCHANT PRINCE

Cleveland.- Jack Gilette, owner of a coin-operated kind of unofficial lottery, recently collared by a masked robber.

The man told Gilette, G. H. Jamerson, and a companion, Ronald Millhouse, Mitchell, Mike Mitchell, Robinson, Richard Smith, Dorsey Todd, T. C. Tornatore, Moore, Kathy Bragg, Carter, Myrtle Christian, Smith, Evelyn Greene, Linda Faith Thompson, Jane Gloria Doss.

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Sixth grade, Mrs. Ola S. Furbush—Kenneth Ferguson, Haven Fields, Richard Jones, J. Ray Lewis, Glen O'Brien Jr., Lynd Staten, James Sanders, Freddy Thomas, Becky Barger, Dale Doss, Melanie Green, Grey Holland, Mary Elizabeth King, Lois Mays, Anita Richardson, Mary Yancey Spencer, Judy Smith, Kirkie Watson, Brenda Williamson.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Harriette Cunningham: Charles Blackwell, Lawrence Byers, Sammy Carter, Carroll Goodrich, Michael Johnson, James Mann, Donald Pugh, Charles Wallace, Carolyn Carter, Helen Hollingsworth, Nancy Hughes, Charlotte Lawson, Joel Pugh.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Isabelle Ligon: Norman Boothe, Louis Fields, Fred-dy Lee Godsey, Jerry Justice, Bill Mann, Earl Martin, Pat Mayberry, Irie Mays, Warren Mays, Billy Moore, Kenneth Wilkins, Donald Williams, Marlene Abbitt, Betty Anderson, Nancy Cheatham, Nancy Cole, Kathleen Flynn, Helen Garrett, Lynda Hall, Eloise Notestein, Glenda Richardson.

Fourth and fifth grades, Mrs. Virginia Cyrus: Ken Coleman, Alvin Franklin, Donald Martin, Nancy Baldwin, Brenda Carter, Reita Cordell, Nadine Grishaw, Peggy Morris, Randy Ferguson, Delly O'Brien, Barbara Reid.

Fourth grade, Miss Nola Burkey—Roy Byers, Russell Evans, David Hamilton, Robert Holt, John Lewis, Larry Martin, William Roy Mayberry, Robert McKinney, William Shouse, Nancy Jane Abbitt, Judy Ann McKinney, Janet Moses, Carolyn Nash, Yvonne Nash.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Thelma W. Martin: Spud Almond, Dale Ferguson, Larry Guill, Robert Martin, Fred Richardson, James Smith, Clarence Smith, David Torrence, George Williams, Rose Evans, Julia Ann Guill, Carolyn Maxwell, Patricia McFadden, Jane Richardson, Doris Thomas, Harry Williams.

Third grade, Mrs. Mildred T. Burkey: Benny Cole, Johnny Jarrells, Larry Johnson, Roger Siegle, Joe Watson, Donald Williams, Shirley Cheatham, Dianne Doss, Pamela Ferguson, Irma Fleshman, Sandra Gilbert, Judy Goodrich, Suzanne Guill, Brenda Pugh, Patricia Tibbs.

Third grade, Miss Della Inge: Edward Fulcher, Clyde Harvey, Monte Mays, John Richardson, Larry Smith, Lacy Littles, Kenneth Turner, Martha Cordell, Delores Ferguson, Joyce Goin, Theresa Green, Laverne Lawhorne, Darlene Slough, Dianne Smith, Helen Shouse.

Second grade, Miss Myrtle Smith—George Ray Baldwin, Donald Jones, Barry Marcus, Carlton Phillips, John Redding, Darrell Watson, James Wooldridge, Larry Watson, Dudley Hill, Peggy Burley, Debra Chenault, Wanda Doss, Amy Evans, Norma J. Ferguson, Patricia Maxwell, Betty Reid.

Second grade, Mrs. Lou Rogers: Alan Booth, Phillip Carter, Ronald Gowin, Daniel Hamilton, Joe Marshall, Dane Martin, Charlie Smelcer, Robert Williams, Randolph Moore, Linda Bryant, Sandra Caldwell, Beverley Davidson, Michelle Stanley, Elizabeth Trent.

First grade, Mrs. Sallye Martin: Don Comer, Larry Wayne Franklin, Johnnie Guthrie, Cathy Harvey, Linda Jo Moses, Clair O'Brien, Evelyn Powell, Maria Wilson.

First grade, Miss Perezza Coleman: Neal Cabiniss, Curtis Eagle, Tommy Franklin, Robert Ferguson, Herbert Handy, R. B. Paulette, Jerry Smelcer, Robert Allen Smith, Wallie Littles, Sharon Johnson, Brenda Mays, Marie Littles.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

Although fall is the perfect time to make new lawns, they can be made in spring if seeding is done early.

There are a few simple steps to follow when making a new lawn that will help insure the success of the project.

Always spade deeply when preparing the soil. The minimum depth is six inches. The soil should be pulverized and a humus material or sand, whichever is needed, worked into the soil.

For each one-hundred square feet of soil, work four pounds of plant food into the top two inches of soil several days before seeding is to be done.

Don't try to economize on the seed. If possible get information as to the recommended seed for the area.

Roll the lawn after it has been seeded.

Water daily with a fine spray until germination is complete. After the lawn has become established, keep it deep-rooted by soaking it thoroughly once each week. Daily light sprinklings are harmful, because the grass roots come to the surface seeking water.

Feed the lawn twice each year—in early spring and early fall.

Never cut grass shorter than one and one-half inches.

KNOW THE SOILS ON YOUR FARM

Do you know the soils on your farm?

Agronomists at VPI say the farmer who is acquainted with the different soil types and their capabilities can do a superior job of crop and pasture production.

Detailed soil surveys have been made in many counties in Virginia. In 25 of the counties reports are now available. In several others, including Rappahannock, Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Norfolk, Mathews, Essex and Northumberland, field work is complete, but the reports are not yet published. Field work is in progress in Lancaster and Prince William.

The agronomists say there are many different soils found in the three main soil regions in Virginia—the coastal plain, Piedmont, and Blue Ridge, and west of the Blue Ridge. There are many places in the state where crops are grown on ill-adapted soils. For instance, in the coastal plain there are somewhat poorly drained soils which make excellent pasture, but which are not suited to some of the crops grown in that area. Of crops grown in Virginia flue-cured tobacco is probably the most sensitive to soil conditions. It does not do best on the heavier soils found in some areas in the tobacco belt. And such crops as peanuts, corn, and soybeans need specific soil conditions.

Some of the soil conditions which affect crops and pastures are drainage, texture, structure, slope of land, erosion, and state of fertility.

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